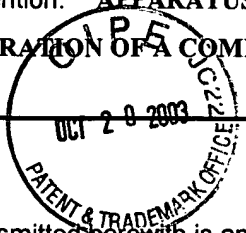
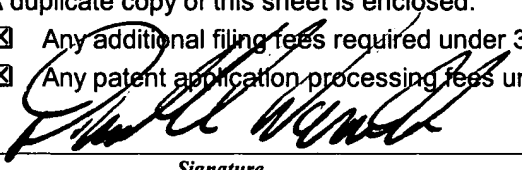
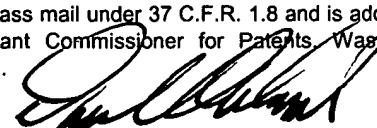


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Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ITEMS OF VALUE IN COOPERATION WITH OPERATION OF A COMPANION DEVICE</b>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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<b>Donald D. Mondul</b> <b>Reg. No. 29,957</b> <b>Attorney for Applicants</b>					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on Oct 16, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.              _____  <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i>    <b>Donald D. Mondul</b>            _____  <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> </div>
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